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Bullets fly in Hobbema

Woman victim of violence

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A 20-year-old Hobbema woman is dead after a bullet came through a wall of her home late Saturday night — another act of gang violence, police say, in the troubled central Alberta area.

Cpl. Darrel Bruno with the Hobbema RCMP said the woman was airlifted to an Edmonton hospital where she was pronounced dead.

"This is definitely a great tragedy," said Bruno.

"When something like this happens, when an innocent person becomes victimized, it's a great tragedy."

The woman was fatally shot in the same Samson townsite house where police found a man who had his arm grazed by a bullet Saturday night, say Mounties. He didn't require medical attention.

And police also responded to a shooting 10 minutes before the woman's death on the nearby Ermineskin Reserve where two men, a 20-year-old and a 24-year-old, were arrested. Mounties say they also recovered a shotgun at the scene.

All three cases are linked to gang violence,

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Cpl. Darrel Bruno

police said.

The woman's name will not be released until next of kin are notified. An autopsy is scheduled for later this week.

The Calgary Major Crimes Unit is assisting in the case, said Hobbema RCMP.

The shooting comes 17 days after the first day of a gun amnesty in Hobbema brought in by police and the provincial government to curb gang violence.

Bruno says a number of residents have already turned in their guns to police since Aug. 1, but official numbers won't be released by RCMP until the end of the month.

The amnesty comes three months after 23-month-old Asia Saddleback was wounded when a bullet came through the wall of her home in a drive-by shooting.

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Bryan Volk, 19, stretches to make a catch while playing football in Mill Creek Pool yesterday. Edmonton's pools, water parks and riverbanks were full yesterday as Edmontonians tried to beat the 30 C-plus heat.

Edmonton heat wave continues

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HOT! HOT! HOT! Edmonton continues to swelter under an August heatwave and today should mark another foray into the 30 C territory.

It won't hit the 36 C mark as some had been

predicting says Environment Canada but authorities warn those susceptible to be careful.

Stuart McKay, a lead meteorologist with Environment Canada, says today will still be a scorcher at 32°C.

"It's a little warmer than average, obviously, but not unusual that we

would get nice, sunny, dry weather like this," said McKay.

Those looking for a break from the heat will have to wait until Wednesday as temperatures will get up to 20°C, says Environment Canada. Rain and much cooler temperatures are expected for Thursday.

Fatal shots linked to hall party

AFTER-HOURS Homicide detectives spent much of yesterday interviewing a number of people at an inner-city after-hours hall party yesterday where they believe a man in his mid-20s was fatally attacked.

The man was brought to hospital where he later died; just as police were responding to a gun complaint at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre at 4:44 a.m.

Police say witnesses heard several gunshots at the hall on 112 Avenue and 101 Street and investigators believe the man was at the party in the hall before he was fatally shot.

This is Edmonton's 18th homicide of the year. Twenty homicides were reported around the same time last year.

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Local



Sales slowing down

Auto dealerships in Alberta were able to sell 20,582 new vehicles during June, about 6.5 per cent less than during the same time last year, according to figures from Statistics Canada. Sales of new trucks and SUVs have also declined nationally by 2.4 per cent — a trend that has been seen since the beginning of the year. **METRO EDMONTON**

Killer sentenced to life in prison

GRYKULIAK A man who fatally stabbed Evan Grykuliak during his 17th birthday party to allegedly improve his dangerous reputation with his street gang was sentenced Friday to life in prison with no chance of parole for seven years.

The 19-year-old, who pleaded guilty to second degree murder, was 17 when he killed Grykuliak.

Teens wearing blue bracelets to commemorate Grykuliak's life reportedly packed the courtroom during the decision.

A judge handling the case will decide whether or not the accused will serve his time in an adult institution or in a youth facility, along with deciding to lift the publication ban on his name.

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Mortgage program helps locals get their First Place

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Though he says he loves her, Cameron Jones can't wait to get out of his aunt's basement.

And soon, he and his wife say goodbye to couch-surfing with relatives, by moving into their very first home together, with a little scratch from the city.

"I was absolutely ecstatic when I found out we were picked," he said.

Cameron and his wife Karleen Jones recently applied for a chance at a better life, through the First Place Edmonton program, a mortgage assistance program offered to 85 lucky applicants, selected through a lottery system.

"We didn't know how many people had applied, but when we found out we were picked fourth for one location and sixth for another, we were so excited."



Karleen and Cameron Jones stand outside the construction zone where their new townhouse is being built near 38 Avenue and 62 Street in Mill Woods.

The program gives residents who make less than \$88,000 per year a chance to get into a home of their own, in a market that can be tough to break without a boost.

The new townhomes are built in established neighborhoods, Greenview in the city's southeast, and Canon Ridge in the north-east.

Only 11 applicants were selected by the city to take ownership of the new condos, which range between \$259,100 and \$311,770. The young couple, who

have been married for three years, hope to unpack their boxes by spring.

"We don't have any children yet, but this is one of those steps to getting there," Jones said. "Hopefully next year when we move, we'll get there."

Cop mugged near police station

ROBBERY An off-duty officer was jumped and robbed steps away from the front doors of police headquarters over the weekend.

Just after 11 p.m. Friday, the plain-clothed officer was walking to his car behind the York Hotel at 96 Street and 104 Avenue, an infamous trouble spot.

He was jumped by a man and woman. During the altercation, the officer's duffle bag, containing all of his police and personal identification, was stolen by someone else.

The bag was later recovered, along with the officer's clothes and police badge, but all his cash, credit cards and ID are missing.

The officer was able to call out to uniformed officers outside the station, who came to his aid, and nabbed a pair of suspects.

Beverly Lorenzen, 40, and Aaron Dwayne Brown, 21, have each been charged with assaulting a peace officer.

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Watch how our Olympic athletes broke their medal drought in a big way, and check out video from Vancouver's Wreck Beach Bare Buns Run

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Lotteries

Friday, Aug. 15

Lotto Super 7 2, 8, 21, 22, 33, 37 & 40. Bonus 11

Saturday, Aug. 16

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These results are not official.

New station takes a peek at Canada's hidden Peaks

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PORNOGRAPHY Canada's first-ever approved smut station is gettin' it on right here in Edmonton.

Canada's broadcast overlord, the CRTC, has recently given Edmonton-based Real

local production

• An X-rated television series, The Boy Next Door, which airs on Playboy TV, is shot near 151 Street and Stony Plain Road.

Productions the go-ahead to launch the country's first and only porn station, dubbed Northern Peaks.

Now, skin flick enthusiasts will have to take a closer look at the faces of those doing the deed on their TV

screen, as Northern Peaks' talent is, for the most part, homegrown.

The Sherwood-Park based company touts itself as "a premiere adult video production company specializing in unique amateur XXX and swinger videos."

Real Productions says it will take "ordinary women

— students, housewives, secretaries and trainers — not porn stars" and "fulfill their naughtiest fantasies" by stripping them down and putting them in a porno. The website offers a minimum of \$15,000 to women who get down and dirty on screen for 90 minutes.

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Survivors of the 1918 flu pandemic, now aged 91 to 101, still have antibodies that protect them against the highly deadly virus, researchers reported. The team's findings could help them create better ways to fight newly emerged and spreading viruses. **REUTERS**

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Tories weak on health, environment, polls find

The federal government is underperforming on two of Canadians' top three priorities, according to internal government polling that could have implications for any fall election campaign.

The Conservative government is underwhelming the country on its management of health care and its attempt to fight climate change, according to a survey conducted this summer by the Privy Council Office, the senior advisory team to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his cabinet.

But the Tories score better on their handling of the economy — an issue the government hopes to use against Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion in

an election.

Anticipation of a fall campaign has spiked since Harper said last week he would have to decide "in the next little while" whether Parliament's work can continue or if it should be cut short with an election call.

If a vote is called, Canadians will face a choice between the Liberal environment plan — the centrepiece of Dion's platform — and Harper's position that he has kept a steady hand on the economy.

The poll of 4,000 Canadians conducted in mid-June



Stephen Harper

and released last week shows the economy and health care, followed closely by the environment, were the country's primary concerns.

Forty-eight per cent of respondents said the Tories had done a poor job "fixing climate change" and 43 per cent say they have done a poor job on health care.

The latter is a notoriously difficult area to garner positive ratings, partly because of the complexity of the problems and partly because provinces have primary responsibility for the delivery of health services.

But the poll stresses that economic concerns loom large in the minds of Canadians. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Regatta Rubber ducky you're the one for charity



A dump truck spills ten thousand rubber ducks at the waterway at Ontario Place for the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation's Duck Regatta yesterday. Prizes were awarded for the first three ducks that crossed the line, with the first place winner receiving a new car — a 2008 Pontiac Wave.

Big, furry and black: Bears unwelcome visitors in Vancouver

NUISANCE The latest home invasion wave to hit Metro Vancouver coincided with a heat wave. Residents leaving the doors and windows open to ward off the heat have been luring in black bears.

In the last two weeks, three black bears have been shot in the area. The latest incident in North Vancouver occurred last Wednesday when Nancy Anemba left the door open

briefly while she went outside to water flowers.

"I had never seen anything like that before, this big thing there and didn't know at first what it was," said Anemba. The 32-kilogram bear was rummaging in the kitchen in search of the candy left in a backpack. "All I could think to do was to bang the door and run."

Nearby construction work-

ers heard her cries for assistance and a conservation officer and a North Vancouver RCMP officer chased the bear through neighbours' yards before shooting the one-and-a-half-year old female dead.

There was no choice, said police and conservation officers. Once bears associate a house with food, they'll keep returning.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Russian military vehicles are parked facing in the direction of Tskhinvali at Roksky pass on the Russian side of the Russia-South Ossetia border yesterday. Russian defence said Georgia was planning a "major provocative act" in Gori, a day before Russians are due to pull out of Georgia.

Russia to withdraw forces

Russia announced it would begin withdrawing forces from Georgia today after a war that dealt a humiliating blow to the Black Sea state.

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili called for international monitoring of the pullout.

"I think the world should watch," he told a news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Tbilisi. Merkel said the world would be watching for Russia to withdraw quickly under the terms of a six-point peace plan brokered by France.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to withdraw troops quickly. "The word of the Russian president needs to be upheld by his forces or people are going to begin to wonder if Russia can be trusted," she told NBC.

Moscow has given no firm deadline for its complete withdrawal.

The 10-day confrontation killed around 200 Georgians, dealt a crushing blow to the country's military, damaged its economy, disrupted road and rail

links and drew criticism in the West of Saakashvili's handling of the crisis.

Russia argued it was justified in intervening to protect South Ossetians, but Moscow also suffered losses, both human and economic. The campaign sent Russian stocks tumbling to their lowest in nearly two years and worried foreign investors.

Talks are under way to establish international agreement on a peacekeeping force, which seems likely to include a large Russian contingent. **REUTERS**

Pressure is on for Obama and McCain to pick VPs

WASHINGTON Several potential vice presidential candidates are mum on their chances of being picked, though time is running out for presumptive presidential candidates Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain to decide.

Both parties will begin national conventions within the next two weeks.

Possible Republican can-

didates include Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and primary challenger Mitt Romney.

Democrats could count on former South Dakota Sen. Tom Daschle, Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh and Govs. Tim Kaine of Virginia and Bill Richardson of New Mexico. **REUTERS**

Israel to free 200 prisoners

JERUSALEM Israel confirmed yesterday it would release 200 of some 11,000 jailed Palestinians in the hope of shoring up support for President Mahmoud Abbas and the peace talks he is conducting with Israel.

"The idea is to strengthen the process of dialogue...

(and) to strengthen the peace process," said Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's spokesperson.

Abbas's prime minister Salam Fayyad said the gesture was "not enough" and demanded that Olmert free all the thousands of jailed Palestinians. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PAKISTAN Embattled President Pervez Musharraf, who is facing impeachment, has been a "good ally," said U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, but she refused to say whether he would receive U.S. asylum if he stepped down. Musharraf has insisted he will not resign.

TEHRAN Iran has successfully launched Safir, a dummy satellite into orbit on a home-grown rocket for the first time yesterday, proving its capacity to launch satellites, Reza Taghizadeh, head of Iran's aerospace body, told state television.

IRAQ Hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims streamed home from Iraq's shrine city of Kerbala yesterday at the end of an annual holy rite that passed without the factional violence that marred it last year. **REUTERS**

Mrs. Fields to file bittersweet bankruptcy

Cookie retailer Mrs. Fields Famous Brands, which has some 1,200 franchises, is running out of dough and plans to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It was started in 1977 by Debbi Fields, a young mother who made cookies from scratch. **REUTERS**

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Business



Bridge blast hits oil exports

Azerbaijan suspended oil exports through ports in western Georgia yesterday after an explosion damaged a key rail bridge. Georgia accused Russian troops of blowing up the railway bridge west of the capital Tbilisi earlier in the day. Russia strongly denied any involvement. **REUTERS**

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Iraq may drop oil contracts

FOOTHOLD Iraq is likely to abandon plans to sign up to \$3 billion US in short-term oil contracts, a U.S. diplomat said, putting in doubt deals that would give foreign oil firms their first major foothold in the country for decades.

Iraq has been negotiating six no-bid technical support contracts with international oil firms, worth about \$500 million each, aimed at quickly boosting production by 500,000 barrels a day.

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Stink raised over sewers

The Canadian insurance industry is seeking ways to stem a rising tide of claims for water damage to homes that it says results partly from aging sewer systems that badly need replacement.

Some of its response involves raising the rates paid by customers who live

"The average age of a sewer system in Canada is about 60 to 65 years."

Robert Tremblay

in riskier areas. But insurers also want towns and cities to upgrade sewer and surface-water systems to deal with freak storms.

"The average age of a sewer system in Canada is about 60 to 65 years, and the useful life of that type of system is about 75

years," said Robert Tremblay, a director at the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Higher claims for messy sewer back-up problems have made water-related damage the No. 1 type of home insurance claim, above fire, theft or vandalism.

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In brief

CHEVRON Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa will meet with Chevron Corp. officials and lawyers for 30,000 jungle residents suing for \$16 billion over environmental damages.

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Water filtration eco-friendly option

Many Canadians look to bottled water for a clean source of fluids, and it is becoming a big strain on the environment.

An estimated 88 per cent of all those plastic water bottles never make it to the recycling facility, and

end up in landfills.

Clean water is important for everyone, but there are better ways of getting it than buying bottle after bottle of water.

One option that many environmentally conscious Canadians are looking at is

filtration systems.

There are many different types on the market, from custom built-in systems that clean water before it comes out of the tap, to water filtration pitchers that go in your fridge.

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Germany leads in clean energy

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



The problem of energy is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense.

to play party politics. The problem of energy, he told me recently in Berlin, is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense. Once the decision is made to exploit a particular form of energy all kinds of expertise and infrastructure are built up.

In 2005, I attended an international conference in Montreal on the Kyoto Protocol. There, I heard a speech by German parliamentarian Hermann Scheer. I knew nothing about him, but as I listened to him talk about how Germany had become the world's leading exporter of wind technology and was on its way to phasing out its nuclear reactors, I was blown away. Here was a politician who articulated the obvious realities about energy: Fossil fuels are finite and will run out, the biggest sources of oil are often in the most politically volatile regions, nuclear energy is also nonrenewable and bequeaths a legacy of radioactive waste for thousands of generations, and the sun provides free, clean energy in abundance to all nations.

I have since come to know this canny, fearless politician who has stayed true to his beliefs for four decades and has become so popular he doesn't have

to play party politics. The problem of energy, he told me recently in Berlin, is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense. Once the decision is made to exploit a particular form of energy all kinds of expertise and infrastructure are built up.

After the OPEC oil embargo in 1973, Dr. Scheer, who has a doctorate in economics, realized that energy was a major weakness in Germany's industrial future.

The country didn't have oil reserves or large rivers for hydroelectric projects and so was generating electricity with nuclear and coal plants. He realized that this made Germany vulnerable to the vagaries of geopolitics and that these were not sustainable forms of energy.

Dr. Scheer was able to introduce an innovative plan, a feed-in tariff, which commits the country to accept all renewable energy (primarily wind and solar) onto the grid and to guarantee a premium price for that energy for 20 years. That provided a huge incentive for individuals or co-ops to build turbines and install solar panels because banks would not hesitate to provide loans given those con-

ditions.

As a recent article in the Globe and Mail noted, the feed-in tariff, beyond giving Germany more than 20,000 megawatts of clean energy, has also created new economic opportunities. The renewable-energy sector now "generates about \$240-billion in annual revenues and employs a quarter-million Germans. Germany's wind industry created 8,000 jobs in 2007 alone, and one recent study suggested that the renewable sector could provide more work than the auto industry (currently the nation's biggest employer) by 2020."

Many people have been calling for a switch to renewable energy. Nobel laureate and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore has called on the U.S. to switch to 100 per cent renewable energy within 10 years. In response, we've heard the same old tune from a chorus of stuck-in-the-oil naysayers. Someone should introduce them to Hermann Scheer.

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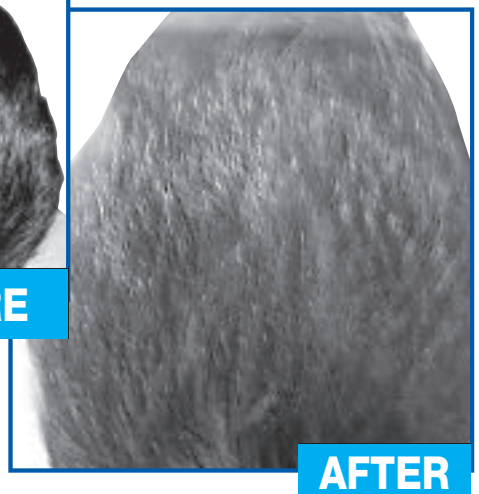
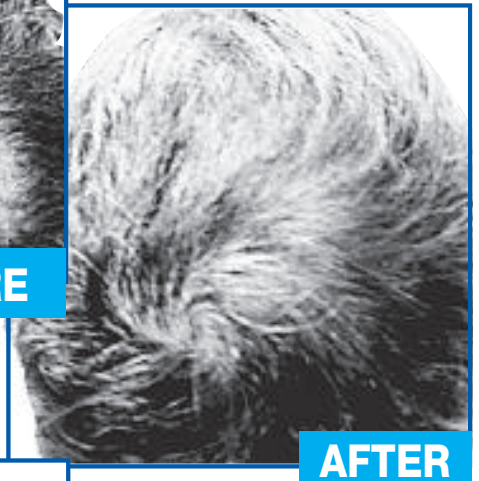
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Ken Pereira scored Canada's lone goal in a 1-1 tie against Britain yesterday at the Beijing Olympics. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beijing Games

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Oh Canada — what a weekend!

Our athletes haul in seven medals as Beijing Olympics get much more interesting

YorkReport

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Canada's MLB franchise, I'm told, has been trying to push key players — **Vernon Wells**, **B.J. Ryan** and **John McDonald** — through waivers for the purposes of trading them but, honestly, I don't feel like discussing the Blue Jays today.

No, after spending most of last week dissing Canada's Olympic squad, the only topic worthy of discussion in this York Report is the success our athletes sudden-



Canadian team members poses after winning the gold medal in the men's eight final yesterday at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park at the Beijing Olympic Games.

ly are enjoying in Beijing.

What a weekend, eh? I guess our Olympians don't

stink, after all. With seven medals over the weekend, and presumably more to

come from Ontario kayaker **Adam van Koeverden** and others, the redness in our faces has vanished. We've earned the right to gloat, at least a bit.

We can row, row, row our boats not-so-gently down the stream, and we have four medals to prove it, including gold from the overpowering men's eight crew. We have a 19-year-old swimmer, **Ryan Cochrane** of Victoria, B.C., who ended our eight-year drought in the pool with a bronze medal. We have women wrestlers — two of them — you don't want to mess with because B.C.'s **Carol Huynh** owns a gold medal and Ontario's **Tonya Verbeek** has a bronze.

We also have a professor, B.C.'s **Daniel K.N. Johnson**, with goathorns because he assured us after his scientific research that Canada would



Melanie Kok of St. Catharines, Ont., and Tracy Cameron of Shubenacadie, N.S., show off their hardware after rowing to bronze in the women's lightweight double sculls yesterday.

leave Beijing without gold. And we can breathe sighs of relief because we actually have more hardware than Cameroon, Togo and Tajikistan.

Hallelujah. And double hallelujah for the Canadian men's eight rowing squad, which won not only gold in Beijing but also redemption for finishing fifth at the 2004 Athens Olympics. The eight thoroughly dominated in Chinese waters with wire-to-wire supremacy.

"I could see early (in the race) we'd win," said coxswain **Brian Price** of Belleville, Ont. "We pushed hard every stroke. It was the culmination of four years of intense work. We were so determined to make amends for Athens, and we did."

They did, in fact, convincingly.

Not that they ended the raging debate about Olympic funding in Canada.

Shawn Saraga, president of www.freemyteam.com, approached Canadian Olympic Foundation chief **David Armour** about co-ordinating a \$10-million fundraising initiative for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

"It is heart-breaking to see other countries financially support their athletes," Saraga said, "while our athletes are primarily self-supported."

On the weekend, however, Canada managed to climb the Olympic ladder respectably. Combined with U.S. swimming sensation **Michael Phelps** and his unfathomable eight gold medals, the Jamaican sprinters and — cross your fingers — no steroid issues, and — whaddya know? — Beijing is turning out to be quite memorable, after all.

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Nadal completes hat trick

TENNIS Rafael Nadal powered to a 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 victory over Chile's Fernando Gonzalez in the Olympic men's singles final yesterday to nail a hat trick of major titles.

"Everything feels different," said Nadal, who has won the French Open and Wimbledon titles this year and will overtake Roger Federer as the world No. 1 today.

"I've won this for a lot of people, not just me. In ten-

nis, grand slams are a little bit more important but for a sportsman the Olympic Games are more important than anything."

Elena Dementieva beat fellow Russian Dinara Safina 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 to the women's singles crown, while the Williams sisters took the women's doubles title 6-2, 6-0 over Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain.



Nadal

Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	U.S.	19	21	25	65
#2	China	35	13	13	61
#3	Russia	7	12	12	31
#4	Australia	8	10	11	29
#5	Britain	11	6	8	25
#6	France	4	9	12	25
#7	South Korea	8	9	5	22
#8	Germany	9	6	6	21
#9	Japan	8	5	7	20
#10	Italy	6	6	6	18
#11	Ukraine	5	3	6	14
#12	Netherlands	2	4	4	10
#13	Belarus	0	3	7	10
#14	Romania	4	1	3	8
#17	Canada	2	1	4	7

(Count at the end of Day 9)

REUTERS

Mets bolster bullpen with trade

The New York Mets acquired relief pitcher Luis Ayala from the Washington Nationals yesterday for a player to be named later. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Stauffer-Phillips a winning pairing

CapitalSports

Robin Brownlee


While it doesn't register up there with the acquisitions of **Eric Cole** or **Lubomir Visnovsky**, the Edmonton Oilers made a ripple in the local radio market Friday by announcing they've inked **Bob Stauffer** to work alongside HHOF play-by-play man **Rod Phillips**.

After the Oilers bounced **Morley Scott** late Wednesday, it didn't even take 48 hours for them to fill the analyst's spot on rights holder 630CHED with Stauffer, who'd been hauling in the biggest numbers at rival TEAM 1260 with his Total Sports afternoon show.

Stauffer's best-known for calling it like he sees it — he's been one of the most vocal and credible critics of the Oilers in five years on 1260 — but he's earned his wings in the booth as the play-by-play man for University of Alberta hockey and football.

With Phillips, who'll turn 67 in September, back for at least one more season, Stauffer will have to wait to get a crack at play-by-play, but my take is they'll be a very dynamic tandem as long as they're together.

Phillips' trademark is his passion for the game. At times, he's more critical than a lot of "home" broadcasters are, which is very refreshing. Stauffer is much the same — although it goes without saying fans won't be hearing daily rants about **Craig MacTavish's** coaching style once his cheque starts arriving with an Oilers' logo on it in September.

It'll obviously take awhile for Phillips and Stauffer to find their comfort zones and a fit with each other, but they got together Saturday and talked for the first time since the change was made.

It looks like a winning combination from here.

RAY RED HOT

Even without injured **Jason Tucker** in his arsenal, Eskimos' quarterback **Ricky Ray** is lighting it up and battling it out with Montreal's **Anthony Calvillo** atop CFL passing stats.

With seven games in the

books, the Eskos are 4-3 and Ray has already passed for 2,389 yards and 12 touchdowns with a completion percentage of 66.3. He's averaging 341 yards a game and has tossed just six picks.

Projected over 11 more games, starting against the Saskatchewan Roughriders Thursday, and Ray could hit 6,000 passing yards for the first time in his six-year career. His high is 5,510, in 2005.

The Eskos could have three receivers with 1,000 yards in 2008. Rookie **Kelly Campbell** has 24 catches for 501 yards. **Kamau Peterson** has 29 for 443 and **Fred Stamps** has 27 for 398.

IT SAYS HERE ... while some fans assume Scott will move to Sportsnet to fill the analyst's void left by **Ray Ferraro's** departure to TSN, I'm not so sure he's even on a shortlist of candidates for the job ... could the position in the TV booth come down to former Oiler tough guys **Marty McSorley** and **Louie DeBrusk**?

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

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Toronto 15 Boston 4
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Chicago White Sox 13 Oakland 1
Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 3
Minnesota 11 Seattle 8
N.Y. Yankees 15 Kansas City 6
Tampa Bay 7 Texas 4
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Florida 2
Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 4 Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 3 Atlanta 1
Colorado 7 Washington 2
Houston 3 Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 2 San Diego 1
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston at Baltimore, 5:05
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Detroit at Texas, 6:05
Oakland at Minnesota, 6:10
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 6:11
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San Francisco at Atlanta, 2:35
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:05

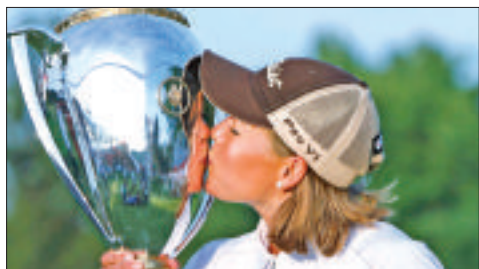
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Australia's Katherine Hull won the Canadian Women's Open golf tournament at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club yesterday.

Hull rules the day in Ottawa

GOLF Five-year LPGA Tour veteran Katherine Hull overcame a six-stroke deficit at Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club to win the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open yesterday.

Hull carded a final-round three-under-par 69 to finish 11-under to edge her closest competitors — runner-up Se Ri Pak 10-under and

third-place Yani Tseng nine-under

"I'm shocked that this has actually happened to me, but obviously this is a dream come true. It's just something that all of us out here dream about as kids, and to finally have it come to reality is just amazing," Hull told the RCGA.

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A new study from a U.S.-based institute found that college women aged 18 and 19 who binge drink — consuming 4 or more alcoholic beverages per day — are almost 20 times more likely to experience sexual aggression, ranging from unwanted groping to rape. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Alcohol consumption

Workology



Outbreak

There are five confirmed and at least 16 suspected cases of E.coli in connection with the University of Guelph's food services. The victims are believed to have been infected with the bacteria between July 21 and 25.

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Breaking down poverty's walls

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



Greg Overholt wants to prove that raising marks back home can lead to raising roofs in the third world.

Overholt is the executive director of Students Offering Support (SOS), a non-profit organization which offers study sessions to Canadian students for a \$20 donation fee and then uses the money to send volunteers abroad to build schools and improve the lives of kids living in poverty.

Overholt, a 23-year-old business and computer science major at Wilfred Laurier University, launched SOS officially in 2006 and already in its first year the organization raised \$65,000. Most of the money was used to fly a team of 20 volunteers down to Belize last August to build a modern school facility complete

with electricity, running water and a modern washroom for 100 boys and girls in the town of Calla Creek. The rest was put into helping build another school in Jamaica through a different charity organization there.

To date SOS has raised nearly \$120,000 and Overholt hopes it will be able to raise half a million dollars by the end of 2010.

Overholt's passion for helping to build schools for underprivileged kids comes from his own philosophy about the importance of education in stopping the cycle of poverty.

"Education, in my mind, is the number one way to break poverty. It is the most efficient way to provide children with choices they can make with their lives and not be slaves to poverty. I feel that it's the best way we can help them to lift themselves up," Overholt said.

SOS started at Laurier and

has been growing since, with a second chapter in Trent University and nine new chapters expected by September including ones at Queen's University, the University of Regina and McGill University.

Laurier business student Katie Sin, 22, heard SOS was planning a trip to Belize last summer and decided she wanted to get involved. She flew down with 19 SOS volunteers to help build a school for underprivileged kids in the Calla Creek region.

For Sin, the best part was seeing the great response from the kids at seeing their new school go up, complete with electricity.

"Just seeing the difference that you make and seeing kids' faces light up — it was great to see that. It shows what a difference 20 students from Canada can make," Sin said.

For Overholt, the success of the program has been a



Above: Students Offering Support volunteers pose for a group photo in Belize and, right, volunteers distribute school supplies to children.



life-changing experience.

"People ask me, 'What are you doing after university?' My job is to get more people aware of the problems of child poverty. My job is to help students," Overholt said.

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Diane Peters



Stringing stats into history books

Nobody knows who I am or what I'm doing, thought Dale Stevens that April day in 1997 when he sat in the press box for the first time at Toronto's SkyDome (now the Rogers Centre).

It was opening day for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team and the box and the stadium were packed. Stevens pulled out his brand new laptop, hooked up his modem and recorded in painstaking detail every pitch of the game. Every ball, strike and foul went into his computer and travelled electronically to the offices of Total Sports to be printed in various publications and eventually online.

Stevens, now 44, began his part-time job as a stat stringer in a less glamorous form about three years before. In the early 1990s, Stevens would buy a statistics-laden program from the same guy outside SkyDome when he attended games and the two would chat about baseball and numbers — an aspect only a few people were into at the time. Stevens was one of them: He lives in Dundas,

Ont., and works at nearby McMaster University as an accountant.

"Do you have any interest in doing some stat keeping?" the guy asked him one day. Not long after, Stevens found himself sitting in front of his TV with a scorecard and writing down every play. He'd fax the finished card at the end of the game to a company called The Baseball Workshop and earned \$10 for his troubles.

When Total Sports took over the stringer network, Stevens got the press pass and laptop, but also more money and some legitimacy. The job got even more official when Major League Baseball itself hired the stringers in 2001.

Now, Stevens' play-by-play stats, including details of where balls are hit into the field, get uploaded in real time to mlb.com. At the end of the game, he makes sure his numbers jive with those of the official scorer, and then his stats become the official record of the game. Stevens works about 30 games a season in the park (two other stringers fill out the rest of the schedule) and another

The Lowdown

Job title: Baseball stat stringer

Salary: \$100 a game

Education/Training: You have to know computers and have a "really in-depth knowledge of baseball."

Best Part of the Job: "Being in the ballpark and knowing what I'm doing is something that's going to be part of the record of the game forever."

Worst Part of the Job: "Driving back and forth. It makes for a really long day."

er 25 at home as a support person. For that job, he watches a game on TV and suggests via instant messenger to a stringer, usually at a U.S. ballpark, how to record difficult or unusual calls.

These nights at home are perfect for helping put his two eight-year-olds to bed. And he'd probably be watching the game anyway: Stevens loves all sports and baseball is his favourite. "You're getting money to watch baseball, it isn't the worst job in the world."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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George Clooney is planning to invest more money in pal Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans, La., after sponsoring the building of two homes earlier this year. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

DeGeneres weds de Rossi

RELATIONSHIPS Talk show queen Ellen DeGeneres has wed her longtime girlfriend Portia de Rossi in an intimate ceremony, **imdb.com** reports.

DeGeneres, 50, and actress de Rossi, 35, exchanged rings at the private service in the backyard of their Beverly Hills home on Saturday.

Just 19 guests watched as the couple read aloud their handwritten vows, including DeGeneres' mother Betty and de Rossi's mother Margaret Rogers, who flew in from her native Australia for the occasion.

The couple's spokesperson tells **People.com**, "Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi were married tonight in an intimate ceremony at their home in Los Angeles."

Shortly after the wedding, De-

Generes taped an interview for her daytime talk show, which is where she first announced in May she would wed the *Arrested Development* star.

California lifted its ban on gay weddings in May after the state's Supreme Court ruled the ban on same-sex unions was unconstitutional.

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Stars donate to Ledger's daughter

LEGACY Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell have donated their fee for completing Heath Ledger's final film role to the late star's daughter, **imdb.com** reports.

The acting trio agreed to play versions of Ledger's character Tim in *The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus* following his death in January. And they decided to donate their fees to two-year-old Matilda —

Ledger's daughter with actress Michelle Williams — because the star left an old will which did not include the little girl. Director Terry Gilliam has praised the actors for their generosity, saying:

"That's extraordinary! And wonderful ... and when you're part of that, you think, 'Ah, this is maybe why I went into the movies in the beginning.'"



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celebrity brief

J. Love drops extra pounds

IMAGE Jennifer Love Hewitt has hit back at critics who ridiculed her for putting on weight — by showing off her new slim figure in a U.S. magazine, **imdb.com** reports. Love-Hewitt has had the last laugh after unflattering photos of her in a bikini splashed across the web, by shedding 18 pounds through a rigorous exercise programme.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

George Clooney is big on buying into Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans for the less fortunate. Listen, I just took a quick look at my hairline, bone structure, resume, bank account and wardrobe, and I can safely say I'm less fortunate than George Clooney. So, uh, do I qualify?

Jennifer Love-Hewitt has illustrated just how much power we who turn to the last page of the Metro have, and by that I'm guessing I mean every single one of you. She shed 18 lbs. after being hurt by gossip reports ridiculing her for having become too heavy. We laughed, she shrank. Our next assignment, gentle readers, is to get **Britney Spears** to wear underwear on a regular basis.

I hope **Hilary Duff** and **Mike Comrie** stay together for a long time. Not because I care about either one of them, but because I like it when American publications identify people as "ice hockey players." Like, as opposed to what, tonsil hockey? If Hilary plays her cards right, she could become the next **Janet Jones-Gretzky**, and be named in a sports gambling ring investigation.

celebrity brief

Mayer opens up about breakup

RELATIONSHIPS Though John Mayer and Jennifer Aniston were decidedly mum about their romance, the singer is opening up about their breakup, **People.com** reports. "There's no lying, there's no cheating, there's no nothing," Mayer told reporters Saturday about his split with Aniston. If anything Mayer had only praise for his ex, saying: "Jennifer Aniston is the smartest, most sophisticated person I

think I have ever met."

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Duff engaged to NHLer?

RUMOUR Actress/singer Hilary Duff has sparked rumours she's taking her relationship with hockey star Mike Comrie to the next level, after she was snapped wearing a ring on her wedding finger, **imdb.com** reports.

The 20-year-old star was spotted leaving Hol-

lywood's Il Sole restaurant with National Hockey League star Comrie on Friday night when she flashed her left hand to reveal a ring. And the shot has sent gossips into a spin — leading many to speculate over whether Duff and Comrie are engaged.

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Sheen, Richards top Nasty poll

DIVORCES Charlie Sheen and Denise Richards have topped a new magazine poll listing Hollywood's Nastiest Splits, **imdb.com** reports. The

bitter exes beat out Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills in the In Touch countdown.

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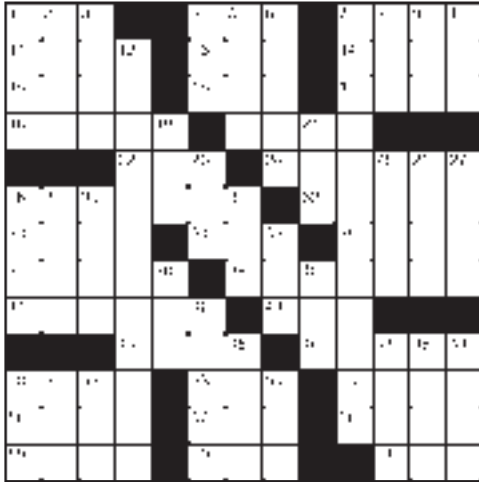
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Canada

Spector's retrial will not be halted

An appeals court panel has rejected a request to halt the retrial of Phil Spector, the music producer accused of killing an actress in 2003. The decision from the 2nd District Court of Appeal came Friday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Take Five**Crossword down**

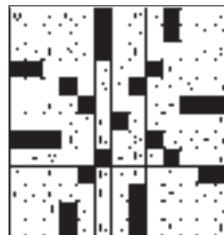
- 1 Easter entree
- 2 Cain's victim
- 3 Ballerina's frill
- 4 "Uh-huh"
- 5 Grand story
- 6 Cheesy chip
- 7 Slogans
- 8 Rage
- 9 Golf prop
- 10 Sweet potato
- 12 Decorative cushions
- 19 Underwear with underwire
- 21 "— Impossible"
- 23 Curved line
- 25 One of HOMES
- 26 Landlord's due
- 27 Collections
- 28 Farm measure
- 29 Curds' partner
- 30 Hardy cabbage
- 31 — and don'ts
- 35 "Charlotte's —"
- 38 U.S. spy org.
- 40 Police officer
- 42 Nerd
- 45 Rescue
- 47 Minuscule bit
- 48 Fishing-line attachment
- 49 Carriage
- 50 Firmament
- 51 Inseparable
- 52 Depressed
- 54 Crimson

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Crossword across

- 1 Long, crosser
- 4 Longing
- 7 "Sex and the —"
- 11 Touch
- 13 — tree (caught)
- 14 Vicinity
- 15 Illegal stimulant
- 16 Snapshot
- 17 Abound
- 18 Short publicity notice
- 20 Stylish
- 22 Man-mouse link
- 24 "Do unto —"
- 28 Clumsy
- 32 Binge
- 33 Fellow
- 34 Intimidate
- 36 Suggestion
- 37 Archaeologist's find
- 39 Mysteries
- 41 It may be covered in shadow
- 43 Feathery accessory
- 44 Legislations

- 46 Any of 150 in the Bible
- 50 Unaccompanied
- 53 Listening organ
- 55 Needle case
- 56 Be certain of
- 57 Night before
- 58 Angry
- 59 Evergreens
- 60 Foundation
- 61 Guys

previous day's answer**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Agreements will reinforce a friendship. Everything you wish to accomplish will have support. An analytical co-worker won't destroy plans.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Good luck comes from other people's money. A love affair becomes distressing. Use your people skills to move forward.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Daydreams trigger a need to get away from it all. Used belongings come in handy. Lively emotions encourage conversations.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There'll be mayhem when a man arrives. Walking is the remedy for wounded feelings. You're dissatisfied with a con man's lies.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Heed a relative's call to action. Be a calming influence in a heated argument. Balance your accounts with a miser.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Others will pay attention to you. Dissension caused by financial problems is blown out of proportion. Someone plays a mind game.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Rumours abound when someone is vexed. Nervousness about a story will backfire. Somebody else will be punished if you behave badly.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Trying to hide evidence produces bad faith. Paranoia over gossip causes a wretched episode. A sick person whines about misery.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Strange events make you feel disoriented. A humble guy is given a reward. An unemployed person makes a dumb mistake.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Game-playing produces feelings of inadequacy. Refuse to fight a losing battle. Change the pace of your love life.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A friendly soul will bring contentment. Dodge the desire to think for others. Find your dream job through an older friend.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Someone is given credit that belongs to another. Tell everyone to treat you with respect. Your optimism about changes is noted.

Sudoku

					4	9	2
1		3		5		7	
	6			8	1		
9				1		6	
	8					3	
	3			9			7
		6		3		4	
	2		7		6		9
7	5	9					

This day in history

AUG. 18, 1958: Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel *Lolita* is published in the United States.
 AUG. 18, 1963: American civil rights movement: James Meredith becomes the first black person to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
 AUG. 18, 1969: Jimi Hendrix plays the unofficial last day of Woodstock.
 AUG. 18, 1971: Vietnam War: Australia and New Zealand decide to withdraw their troops from Vietnam.
 AUG. 18, 1983: Hurricane Alicia hits the Texas coast, killing 22 people and causing over \$1 billion U.S. in damage (1983 dollars).

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	1	3	5	2	7	6	8	4
2	4	7	6	1	8	5	3	9
5	6	8	3	9	4	1	2	7
6	8	9	2	3	1	7	4	5
1	5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8
7	3	4	9	8	5	2	1	6
3	2	5	8	6	9	4	7	1
8	7	1	4	5	3	9	6	2
4	9	6	1	7	2	8	5	3

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
 13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
 21-25: Not bad

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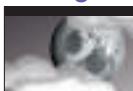
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Partly cloudy.
32°

Tonight

Clear.
Low 15°

Tuesday

Partly cloudy.
28° / 13°

Wednesday

Cloudy.
22° / 12°

Thursday

Thunderstorms.
16° / 9°

Temperature Normals
 High: 22.5°
 Low: 9.5°

Records
 High: 35.6°/1933
 Low: 0.6°/1950
 Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.
 Sunset: 8:54 p.m.
 Moonset: 8:36 a.m.
 Moonrise: 9:15 p.m.

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